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THE CURSE OF RA MOON

PART THREE (OF FOUR)

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IN THE YEAR 20XX, A SUPER ROBOT NAMED MEGA MAN HAS PLEDGED TO STOP THE EVIL DESIRES OF DR. WILY AND PROTECT THE WORLD. MEGA MAN NOW FIGHTS ALONGSIDE HIS FELLOW ROBOT MASTERS TO DEFEAT THE FORCES OF EVIL!

MEGA MAN™

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The curse of Ra Moon has fallen across the Earth!

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After being bathed in a temporary protective coating, Mega Man set out for the mysterious Lanfront Ruins to find the source of the global blackout. Along the way he battled Dr. Wily's Robot Masters – both old and new! More shockingly, he discovered his former enemies weren't aware of the world-wide catastrophe – and were against it!

Our hero now leads a small strike force into the Temple of the Moon to uncover the truth behind the blackout and put an end to the evil alien curse once and for all....

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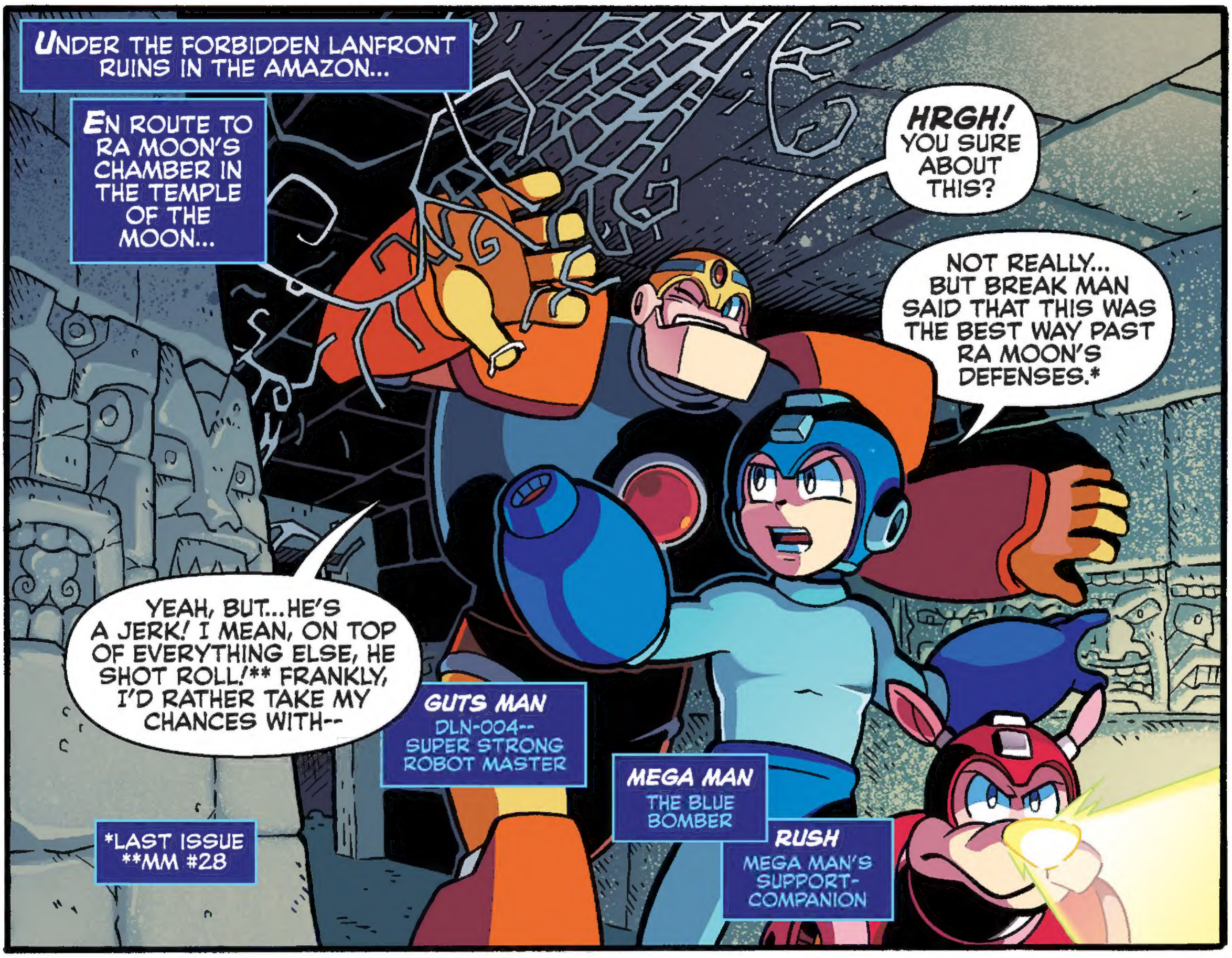
PART 3: THE EVE OF BATTLE


UNDER THE FORBIDDEN LANFRONT RUINS IN THE AMAZON...
EN ROUTE TO RA MOON'S CHAMBER IN THE TEMPLE OF THE MOON...
HRGH! YOU SURE ABOUT THIS?
NOT REALLY... BUT BREAK MAN SAID THAT THIS WAS THE BEST WAY PAST RA MOON'S DEFENSES.*
YEAH, BUT...HE'S A JERK! I MEAN, ON TOP OF EVERYTHING ELSE, HE SHOT ROLL!** FRANKLY, I'D RATHER TAKE MY CHANCES WITH--
GUTS MAN
DLN-004-- SUPER STRONG ROBOT MASTER
MEGA MAN
THE BLUE BOMBER
RUSH
MEGA MAN'S SUPPORT-COMPANION
*LAST ISSUE
**MM #28
GRAH!
GUTS MAN!

NO... NO...I GOT THIS...

SLAM

SEE? BREAK MAN MUSTA SENT US DOWN HERE TO GET SMASHED ON PURPOSE!

I DON'T THINK SO.

LOOK--HE DIDN'T LEAD THE ROBOT ARMY TO WHERE WE WERE HIDING. HE TOLD US ALL ABOUT DR. WILY, RA MOON, AND WARNED US ABOUT THE OTHER SET OF ROBOT MASTERS WAITING FOR US.

YEAH, BUT... HE WAS HELPING THE WILY BOTS! ...EXCEPT...THEY WERE WILLING TO TALK THINGS OUT TOO. *RRGH!* I CAN'T KEEP TRACK OF WHO'S THE GOOD GUY OR THE BAD GUY ANY-MORE!

WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS. LOOK, I DON'T FULLY TRUST THEM EITHER. I DEFINITELY DON'T ***LIKE*** BREAK MAN. BUT THE WORLD IS AT STAKE. WE'VE GOT TO--

GRRRRRRR!

BARK! BARK!

WHAT IS IT, BOY? ***THAT?*** IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE MUCH...

ZZZZZ

HOLD IT STEADY FOR A SECOND!

YOU GOT IT!

WEAPON GET! SUPER ARM

RRGH! PUSH THAT TO THE OTHER SIDE, RUSH!

THERE! NOW, LET'S SEE WHAT-- OR *WHO*-- THAT BELONGS TO.

I THOUGHT SO. IT'S ONE OF WILY'S NEW ROBOT MASTERS.

YOU...YOU STUPID LITTLE PUNK! I'M GONNA DRIVE A SPIKE SO FAR THROUGH YOUR HEAD YOU'LL BE SPEAKING C++!

NEEDLE MAN DWN-017--MINING-ROBOT-MASTER-TURNED-WEAPON

IT DOESN'T HAVE TO COME TO THAT. WE'RE TRYING TO *SAVE* THE WORLD.

SAVE IT? WAIT...I REMEMBER ...YOU SAID RA MOON IS GOING TO...

WEAPON GET! NEEDLE CANNON

...DESTROY ALL YOU INFERIOR BEINGS!

KRASH

SNAKE MAN
DWN-022--
SURVEYING-ROBOT-
MASTER-TURNED-
WEAPON

BLAM
BLAM
BLAM

BACK OFF!
BACK OFF!

BON

SHINK

C'MERE,
YOU--!

SHINK
SHINK
Heh...A WELL-EXECUTED AMBUSH. I APPROVE.
S-SOMETHING IS VERY WRONG WITH THESE ROBOT MASTERS. LET'S GET MOVING--I DON'T WANT TO RUN INTO ANY MORE SURPRISES DOWN HERE!
THERE'S THE TEMPLE OF THE MOON, BUT...IT'S MORNING? HOW LONG WERE WE IN THOSE TUNNELS?
AT LEAST "GIMME-A-BREAK MAN" WAS TELLIN' THE TRUTH. I DON'T SEE ANY MORE DEFENSE BOTS.
IT'S A GOOD THING WE'RE CLEAR, THEN. IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE WE CHECKED IN.
MEGA MAN TO LIGHT LABS! DO YOU COPY? OVER.

LIGHT LABS

DR. LIGHT? DR. ASTIL? =KSHK!= ANYBODY? OVER.

EVERY SPARK YOU MAKE IS THROWING OFF THE STASIS FIELD. I'M RUNNING OUT OF COUNTER-FREQUENCIES.

DR. PEDRO ASTIL ROBOTICS SCIENTIST

PLANT MAN DAN-001--BOTANIST ROBOT MASTER

DR. LIGHT CREATOR OF MEGA MAN AND ROLL

ROLL MEGA MAN'S SISTER

ONE MORE PATCH. IF SHE HAS ANOTHER SHORT, HER I.C. CHIP* WILL BE FRIED, AND ALL OF THIS WILL HAVE BEEN FOR NOTHING. I'M NOT LOSING MY LITTLE GIRL!

*INTEGRATED CURCUIT--STORES A ROBOT'S UNIQUE PERSONALITY

THERE! SHE'S STABILIZED AGAIN!

THAT WAS TOO CLOSE. WE...WE AREN'T GOING TO MAKE IT THROUGH THIS, ARE WE?

YES, WE ARE. AS LONG AS WE STICK TOGETHER. LIKE RIGHT NOW--WE'D BE LOST IF YOU HADN'T PROVIDED SOME POWER.

I DO WHAT I CAN.

I NEED TO STEP OUT AND RECHARGE MY SOLAR BATTERIES FOR A BIT, THOUGH.

I COULD USE SOME FRESH AIR TOO. THOMAS?

IN A MOMENT. I NEED TO SPEAK TO MY SON.

I DON'T KNOW, GUTS MAN. NOBODY'S ANSWERING. HELLO?! OVER?!

ROCK... THIS IS LIGHT LABS. OVER.

DR. LIGHT! ARE THINGS GETTING WORSE?

...YES. BUT THERE IS ***SOME*** GOOD NEWS...

"THANKS TO SOME VINTAGE RADIO TECH, WE'VE MANAGED TO SPREAD THE IMMUNIZATION COATING FORMULA TO ROBOTICS SCIENTISTS ACROSS THE GLOBE.

"ROBOT MASTERS AROUND THE WORLD ARE HELPING PEOPLE WHERE NO ONE ELSE CAN.

"THERE AREN'T MANY ROBOT MASTERS OUT THERE TO BEGIN WITH. FEWER STILL THAT HAVE ACCESS TO THE COATING...

...BUT EVERY LIFE THEY SAVE IS PRECIOUS. EVERYTHING THEY DO KEEPS US FROM THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE."

STILL...WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF TIME. THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD IS INTENSIFYING. IT'S BECOMING TOXIC TO LIVING THINGS AT THIS POINT. AND...IT'S GETTING HARDER TO KEEP YOUR SISTER'S CONDITION STABLE.

HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE LEFT?

*DAYS...MAYBE A HUNDRED HOURS. ROCK...THIS IS THE END OF THE WORLD. YOU HAVE TO DO **WHATEVER IT TAKES** TO--*

BARK! BARK!

GET DOWN!

SORRY, BUT THIS IS A CELL PHONE FREE ZONE!

GEMINI MAN
DWN-019--
EXPERIMENTAL-
SELF-COPYING-
ROBOT-MASTER
TURNED-WEAPON

WHAT THE--?!

BLAM

BLAM

PLEASE--*STOP!* THE HUMANS ARE *DYING!* ROBOTS ARE BEING DESTROYED! ROBOTS LIKE *US!* WE HAVE TO STOP RA MOON!

...HUMANS ARE *DYING?* THAT WASN'T THE PLAN--

KRUNCH

kZZZZt kZZZZt kZZZZt

LET THE HUMANS DIE. IF RA MOON WILLS IT, IT WILL BE SO!

NO! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A *MINING* ROBOT! WE'RE SUPPOSED TO MAKE DR. WILY'S WORLD A BETTER PLACE!

?

ENOUGH! ALL FOR THE GLORY OF RA MOON!

DR. WILY IS *HUMAN!* HE'LL DIE TOO!

RA MOON IS OUR ONE TRUE MASTER!

NO! HE'S *NOT!*

BLAM

THAT...CLEARED MY HEAD. FOR NOW. YOU'VE GOT...TO HURRY. SAVE...DR. WILY. ...MY BROTHERS ARE RALLYING TO RA MOON FOR REPAIRS. WE'LL BE IN THE HEART OF THE TEMPLE...

BOOO-WIP

...OKAY, WAIT, WHAT?!?

I'M NOT SURE, BUT THIS "RA MOON" THING JUST KEEPS GETTING MORE AND MORE COMPLICATED.

I'VE GOT A SIMPLE SOLUTION: BUST IN, SMASH 'EM ALL!

JUST THE THREE OF US? AND WITH RA MOON BACKING THEM UP? NO, WE NEED MORE THAT THAN...

YO! WE HEAR YOU BOYS ORDERED AN ARMY?

METAL MAN WILY BOT

FLASH MAN WILY BOT

HEAT MAN WILY BOT

BUBBLE MAN WILY BOT

AIR MAN WILY BOT

CRASH MAN WILY BOT

WOOD MAN WILY BOT

QUICK MAN WILY BOT

BREAK MAN ROGUE LIGHT BOT

BOMB MAN LIGHT BOT

CUT MAN LIGHT BOT

Y-YOU'RE GOING TO FIGHT *WITH* US?

"THE ENEMY OF MY ENEMY," AS THE SAYING GOES. OUR MASTER NEEDS US. WE'RE NOT FIGHTING *WITH* YOU, *YOU'RE* HELPING *US*.

I'LL WORK WITH THAT. IS EVERYONE ABLE TO FIGHT?

YEAH. BREAK MAN'S ACTUALLY A DECENT MECHANIC. MAYBE THE JERK'S YOUR BROTHER AFTER ALL.

K-A-BLAM

RA MOON!

MY NAME IS MEGA MAN! I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE ON EARTH! YOU *HAVE* TO STOP THE E.M. FIELD. OR I'LL BE *FORCED* TO STOP YOU *MYSELF!*

...WHEN THIS IS OVER, YOU AND I HAVE A *LOT* TO DISCUSS.

FOCUS ON THE BATTLE AT HAND.

RA MOON'S SAID TO BE AT THE HEART OF THE TEMPLE. WE STOP HIM, WE STOP THE FIELD THAT'S DESTROYING THE WORLD. ROBOT MASTERS! LET'S MAKE OURSELVES A SHORTCUT!

BOOM

YOU ARE TOO WEAK TO THREATEN ANYONE.

KILL THEM ALL.

KLANG

VWOOSH

PING

PING

ZART

ZART

BOOM

BOOM

BLITZ IT! I'LL COVER!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

TORCH!

THUD

THUD

I SHOULD'VE KNOWN THOMAS' BOYS COULDN'T MEASURE UP. THIS LOOKS LIKE A JOB...

...FOR A CERTIFIED *GENIUS!*

DR. WILY
MEGA MAN'S NEMESIS

THE MASTER... HE'S *ALIVE!*

HE LOOKS *AWFUL!*

YOU THOUGHT YOU HAD ME, DIDN'T YOU? THOUGHT YOU COULD ***USE*** ME FOR MY IMAGINATIVE GENIUS? WELL GUESS WHAT, YOU OVER-SIZED BEACH BALL?!

I'M USING YOU RIGHT BACK! BEHOLD! YOUR EXECUTIONER!

RA THOR!

THAT'S RIGHT, YOU OCULAR NIGHTMARE! ***YOUR*** TECHNOLOGY! ***YOUR*** POWER! REFINED INTO ***MY*** ROBOT MASTER! FIGHT FIRE WITH FIRE, RIGHT?

GYA HA HA HA!

GO, RA THOR! MAKE HIM ***PAY*** FOR WHAT HE'S DONE TO ME!!

VRRRRMMMMMMM

KZZZT

MADE OF MY TECHNOLOGY. MADE OF MY ESSENCE. RA THOR IS PART OF ME --IT IS MINE.

IMPRESSIVE. YOU ARE GIFTED FOR YOUR SPECIES, WILY. I ALMOST REGRET THE LOSS OF YOUR POTENTIAL.

I WILL RETURN THE FAVOR AND DESTROY YOU WITH ONE OF YOUR OWN DESIGNS. RA THOR, MAIM HIM WHILE I PREPARE HIS DEMISE.

BOOM

NO NO NO NO NO NO!

DON'T BE DEAD! REBOOT! RESTART! GET UP YOU LAZY GOOD-FOR-NOTHING!

...DR. WILY...?

YES! *YES!* NOW GET UP! Oh, *PLEASE* LET YOUR TARGETING SYSTEMS NOT BE SCAMBLED!

I...I'M FINE. WHAT DID I MISS?

BOOM BOOM

THE DOCTOR MADE A ROBOT TO FIGHT RA MOON. RA MOON TURNED IT AGAINST US. IT'S *VERY* STRONG.

I WAS TRYING TO SAVE US ALL! IT'S NOT MY FAULT!

IF I DON'T MAKE IT, TELL ROLL...I'M SORRY.

WE'LL SEE ABOUT THAT. JUST GET SOMEWHERE SAFE FOR NOW.

YOU TELL HER. WE'RE *GOING* TO MAKE IT! WE *HAVE* TO WIN!

BLAM

VRRRRMMMMM

BLAM

THIS IS IT!

THE FINAL SHOWDOWN WITH RA MOON! BUT CAN MEGA MAN AND BREAK MAN GET THROUGH *RA THOR* FIRST?

IT'S A BATTLE FOR THE *FATE* OF THE *WORLD* NEXT TIME IN *MEGA MAN!*

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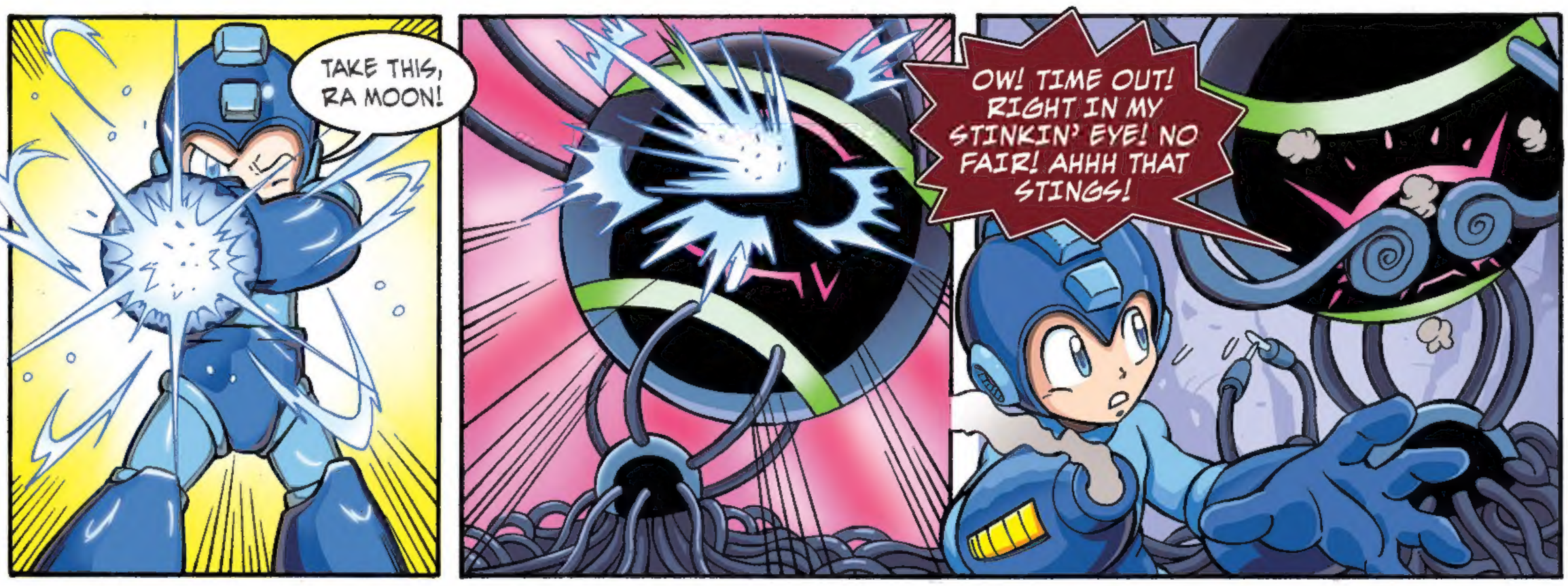

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Dear Mega-Mail,
Just recently, I got around to catching up on the entire series thanks to interest being sparked due to the "World's Collide" crossover event. I am now feeling foolish for not getting around to getting into this series sooner! So awesome indeed.

Glad to hear you jumped on the Mega bandwagon! It's never too late to catch up, and it's so easy to do so because we have the first 5 story arcs of Mega Man™ collected in graphic novel format as well as individual back issues and digital versions for sale too! Plugplugplugplugplug!

Though with coming in like this, I do have some questions, mostly concerning Miss Tempo:

Ah yes, Tempo! Also known as Quake Woman!

1)Rock and Roll are programmed to be around 10 years old. Is Tempo/ Quake Woman suppossed to be older, and if so, how much?

Tempo would be programmed to be a bit older than Rock and Roll. She would be about 14 in terms of human age.

2)Any chance in the near future of her meeting up with Cossack-bot Drill Man (even before the Mega Man 4 story if Pharaoh Man's appearence is any indication)?

Tempo will be back sooner than you think, however, any possible interaction with Drill Man probably won't happen for a little while. Don't worry! We'll get to Mega Man 4 soon enough!

3)While this relates mostly to Quake Woman, this could go with any other original characters you make for this series: Would you ever be willing to have them be put in official games if asked by the company?

It'd be an honor and a pleasure for the Archie-verse characters to appear in the games! If you want it, write or call or e-mail or tweet at Archie and Capcom and let your voice be heard!

4)Last one, promise! With a certain recent announcement in the gaming world concerning the Blue Bomber, how would you write Mega Man justifying appearing in fighting events against humans?

Hmm. Well, if his scuffles with Xander Payne are any indication, I'd say as long as OTHER humans are put in actual, mortal danger, then Mega Man would have no choice but to save the day! Check out Mega Man™ vol. 4 & 5 to see what I'm talking about!

All in all though, awesome work and I can't wait to see more awesomeness from you guys!

Chris W. sent to MegaMan@ArchieComics.com

Thanks, Chris! We hope you enjoy Mega awesomeness coming up next!

Dear Mega-Mail,
I'm overwhelmingly satisfied how the comic is progressing so far! The entire run was influenced by references from the games,which I really love! I hope that this comic can run forever and hope that y'all do the other Mega Man related titles too!! Y'all have a great one and keep it up!!

Bruce S.
from Alabama

Thanks, Bruce! Much appreciated!

We'll see y'all next time for the big finale of BLACKOUT the Curse of Ra Moon!

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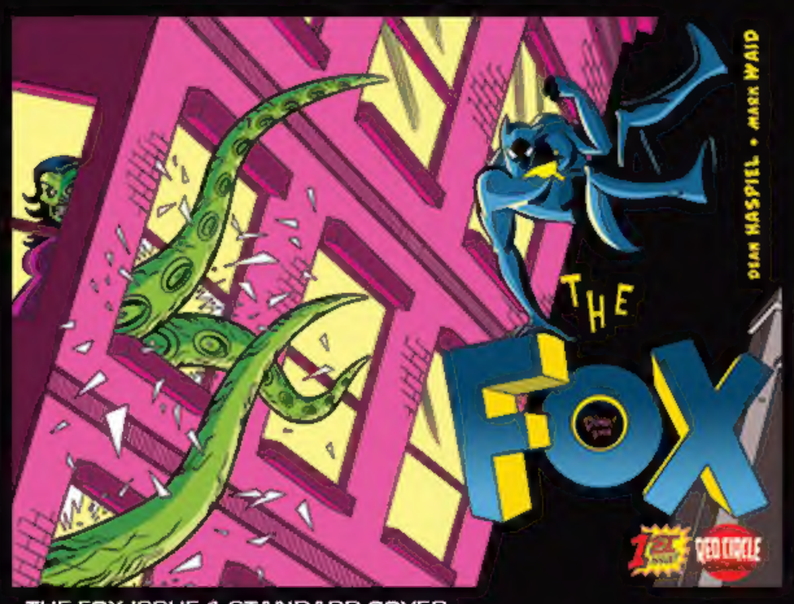

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